

# MASTERS SWIMMING ASSOCIATION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Nanaimo Aquatics Centre

741 Third Street, Nanaimo, BC

Saturday, April 25, 2025

30 minutes following the end of the Saturday Session

### Agenda

#### Call to order at 5:23

**Attendees:** Linda Stanley Wilson, Dale Robinson, John Holmwood, Lauren Westmacott, Khosro Mansuri, Heike Beer, Danielle Brault, Sarah McDonald, Karlene Clapham, Rod Carmichael, Amman Bhoghal, James Carmichael, Jane Halton, Bryan Iliscupidez, Jaret Molitwenik, Justin Monahan, Robynne Ouchi, Kurt Ouchi, Christina Pendergast, Anna Pendergast, Brian Pradel Valverde, Nadine Quilty, Ethan Quilty, Susie Skoda, John Stymiest, Kylie Tucker, Sharon Wyatt, Connie Stamhuis, Karlene Clapham, Phyllis Tso, Donna Underwood (31)

1. Appointment of Chairperson: Lauren Westmacott
2. Determination of Quorum  
We have a quorum at 31 attendees.
3. Territory Acknowledgement by Lauren
4. Adoption of Rules of Order:
5. Adoption of the Agenda: Motion by Robynne Ouchi, seconded Khosro - adopted
6. Adoption of Minutes of the previous AGM: Motion by Khosro, seconded by Robynne - adopted
7. Board Introductions  
Lauren introduced all board members.
8. Competition Report
  - Most swim meets were sold out.
  - Currently, there is an increased workload due to the REMS workaround of using Google Forms for meet entry, as people often use incorrect information for meet registration. The entry information needs to be identical to the REMS; otherwise, the host club will have a lot of extra work to do.
9. Directors' Reports
  - i. President
    - We no longer do insurance certificates. Contact Louise at Swim BC.

- Biggest challenge: REMS: difficult for Dogwoods, Swim BC, Meet managers, Club registrars. Swim BC, at this point, doesn't know what changes or adaptations will be made to REMS in September. Plan for as it was this year.
  - Meet registration was challenging as the meets filled up really quickly.
  - Continuing to work on improving the communication to members in order to make it as equitable as possible. Mainland meets sold out really quickly.
  - If other clubs would like to try to host, please reach out to the board. There is room in the meet schedule for extra meets.
- Four committees: Policy, Open Water, Awards and Nominations, and Provincials Host
- Swimming Canada update: In the past, you were allowed to swim in two clubs. That will no longer be allowed. They have to register with just one club.
- Logo: Did some research into the logo and artist. In 1988, the logo was launched. Norma Powell reported that the artist was likely not First Nations.
- Commissioned a new logo. First Nations artist's biography will be on our website.
  - There is a new policy about the use of the logo. It will not be sold for profit.
- Swim BC conference is being held in October. Great opportunity to learn.
  - ii. Registrar
    - 1. 2237 - above before COVID
    - 2. Sandy Briggs has just resigned.
    - 3. New sprint club approved in the Lower Mainland: Swordfish Masters.
  - iii. Treasurer
    - 1. reports as of August 31st of last year (2024)
      - assets were all sitting in a chequing account
      - We have a lot of cash and have been trying to put together some programs to spend some of it.
    - 2. Develop Officials and Coaches
    - 3. Vancouver Foundation -this provides investment income every year. We roll the money and let it build up.
    - 4. The financial review hasn't been completed. We are going to add this year's books to make it a five-year review. Report at the next AGM.
    - 5. Clubs need to pay attention to the Club Registration Guide to see if Swimming Canada is increasing its fees. Swim BC Club Registration fee will remain \$200 per club.
    - 6. John moved some excess funds into a savings account to make a bit of interest.
  - iv. Communications Report
- The goal is to get updated info about meets and news out quickly using the MSABC website, social media outlets, and emails to the MSABC membership
  - Didn't get the full email list of 24-25 swimmers (from Swim BC) until March 2025
  - Goal of getting the meet calendar posted early (works with Khosro and Meet Managers to update meet packages, psych sheets, heat sheets, and results)
  - News bulletins are monthly (or more often, as needed) and archived
  - Newsletters are quarterly and archived

- Linda regularly posts IG and FB content
- The website is continuously being updated; BC records are now available (now compiled by Swim BC)
- There has been a tremendous increase in viewership of social media posts and website views (~ 3000 visitors per month to msabc.ca)
- Fun challenges are out for all MSABC to encourage participation by all MSABC members. Provides lots of fun photos that can be used across MSABC information outlets. Fun caps will be awarded to participants in June.

#### Committee

1. Policies: have a review schedule for policies
  - a. this year's updated policies are highlighted on the website
  - b. the logo one will be new
2. Awards:
  - a. Monthly challenges
  - b. Awards and nominations
3. Open Water
  - a. representation across the province, especially Okanagan.
  - b. a bit slower than we were hoping
  - c. hoping to get clarification on insurance for an open meet
4. Provincials Host

#### 10. New Business

- a. Appointment of Auditor(s) - will get a professional reviewer.
- b. Items from the floor
- c. Elections
  - a. Registrar: Sydney McArthur
  - b. President: John Holmwood
  - c. Competitions: Khosro Mansuri
  - d. Treasurer: Kylie Tucker
  - e. Director at Large - 1 year: Sharon Wyatt
  - f. Director at Large - Stewart Scott

11. Adjournment: Rod Carmichael motioned to adjourn: **6:25pm**